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FACTOR GENE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Amendment

In the specification, please delete, at page 8, line 7, the paragraph beginning "Figures 3A-M" and replace with the following:

Figures 3A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and M are horizontal sections of experimental and control constructs seeded with articular chondrocytes 28 days post-transfection with (A, D, G, K) *lacZ* expression vector pCMVSPORT β Gal, (B, E, H, L) the human IGF-I expression vector pCMVhIGF-I, or (C, F, I, M) non-transfected chondrocytes (stains: A-C: Safranin O, D-F: a monoclonal anti-type I collagen antibody, G-I: a polyclonal anti-type II collagen antibody, K-M: monoclonal aggrecan antibody).

In the figures, please delete Figure 3 and replace with new Figure 3 enclosed herewith.

No new matter is entered by any of these amendments. A marked-up version of the amendments to the specification and claims is included in the attachment captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made for USSN 09/809,456".

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